

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended)      A method of monitoring a broadcast signal, comprising receiving, by an end user device, a broadcast signal, the broadcast signal comprising at least three components and including a timebase, monitoring the broadcast signal for an identification signal, and pausing the received timebase if the identification signal is not present, wherein said timebase is a periodic clock inserted into one of the three data components, wherein the step of monitoring comprises the step of restarting the received timebase if the identification signal is present.

2. (Previously presented)      The method according to claim 1, wherein the broadcast signal comprises a video component, an audio component, and a data component.

3. (Previously presented)      The method according to claim 2, wherein the timebase is a periodic clock inserted into the data component of the broadcast signal.

4. (Previously presented)      The method according to claim 2, wherein the broadcast signal is a digital signal and the identification signal is present in the data component of the broadcast signal.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the broadcast signal is an analogue signal and the identification signal is present in the vertical blanking interval of the broadcast signal.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the identification signal is present in the normal data structures describing the video component of the broadcast signal.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus for monitoring a broadcast signal, comprising receiving means for receiving the broadcast signal, the broadcast signal comprising at least three components and including a timebase, and monitoring means for monitoring the broadcast signal for an identification signal, and for pausing the received timebase if the identification signal is not present, wherein said timebase is a periodic clock inserted into one of the three data components, wherein the monitoring means comprises means for restarting the received timebase if the identification signal is present.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the signal comprises a video component, an audio component, and a data component.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the received timebase is a periodic clock inserted into the data component of the broadcast signal.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the receiving means and the monitoring means are portions of an integrated circuit.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the apparatus is a digital television receiver.

13. (Cancelled)